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RESPONSE



Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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This responds to the July 30, 2003 Office Action. Please amend the application as set forth below.

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

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	(1)	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	(3)	(4) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	(6) RATE	(7) ADDITIONAL FEE
	TOTAL CLAIMS	15	MINUS	20	0	X \$18	0.00
	INDEP. CLAIMS	4	MINUS	3	1	X \$86	86.00
				TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT		\$86.00	

Charge Deposit Account No. 09-0260 with any fees associated with this communication. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

In the event Applicant has overlooked the need to request an extension of time, please consider this a request for the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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